



correct tense

Who Did Patrick's Homework?

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Fill in the blanks with the
of the verbs in brackets.

Patrick never 1. _____ (do) homework. "Too boring," he 2. _____ (say). He 3. _____ (play) baseball and basketball and Nintendo instead. His teachers 4. _____ (tell) him, "Patrick! 5. _____ (do) your homework or you 6. _____ (not learn) a thing." And it's true, sometimes he 7. _____ (feel) like a ding-a-ling.

But what 8. _____ (can) he do? He 9. _____ (hate) homework.

Then on St. Patrick's Day, his cat 10. _____ (play) with a little doll and he 11. _____ (grab) it away. To his surprise it 12. _____ (not be) a doll at all, but a man of the tiniest size. He 13. _____ (have) a little wool shirt with old fashioned britches and a high tall hat much like a witch's. He 14. _____ (yell), "Save me! 15. _____ (not/give) me back to that cat. I 16. _____ (grant) you a wish, I promise you that."

Patrick 17. _____ (can not) believe how lucky he was! Here was the answer to all of his problems. So he 2. _____ (say), "Only if you 18. _____ (do) all my homework 'til the end of the semester, that's 35 days. If you 19. _____ (do) a good enough job, I could even get A's."

The little man's face 20. _____ (wrinkle) like a dishcloth. He kicked his legs and doubled his fists and he grimaced and scowled and pursed his lips, "Oh, 21. _____ (be) I cursed! But I 22. _____ (do) it."

And true to his word, that little elf 23. _____ (begin) to do Patrick's homework. Except there was one glitch. The elf 24. _____ (not/always/know) what to do and he needed help. "Help me! Help me!" he 25. _____ (say). And Patrick 26. _____ (have) to help -- in whatever way.

"I 27. _____ (not/know) this word," the elf 28. _____ (squeak) while 29. _____ (read) Patrick's homework. "Get me a dictionary. No, what's even better. Look up the word and sound it out by each letter."



fractions? Here,
(sit down)
32.
(must/guide)



When it 30. _____ (come) to math, Patrick was out of luck. "What are times tables?" the elf shrieked. "We elves never need that. And addition and subtraction and division and 31. _____ beside me, you simply _____ me."

Elves 33. _____ (know) nothing of human history, to them it 34. _____ (be) a mystery. So the little elf, already a shouter, just got louder "Go to the library, I need books. More and more books. And you can help me 35. _____ (read) them too."

As a matter of fact every day in every way that little elf was a nag! Patrick 36. _____ (work) harder than ever and was it a drag! He 37. _____ (stay up) nights, 38. _____ (never/feel) so weary, 39. _____ (go) to school with his eyes puffed and bleary.

Finally the last day of school 40. _____ (arrive) and the elf was free to go. As for homework, there was no more, so he quietly and slyly 41. _____ (slip) out the back door.

Patrick 42. _____ (get) his A's; his classmates 43. _____ (be) amazed; his teachers smiled and 43. _____ (be) full of praise. And his parents? They wondered what 44. _____ (happen) to Patrick. He was now the model kid. Cleaned his room, 45. _____ (do) his chores, was cheerful, never rude, like he 46. _____ (develop) a whole new attitude.

You see, in the end Patrick still 47. _____ (think) he 48. _____ (make) that tiny man 49. _____ (do) all his homework. But I 50. _____ (share) a secret, just between you and me. It wasn't the elf; Patrick 51. _____ (do) it himself!